does not directly provide marketing support. However, this is done by the Gam & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) with the financial support from Marketing Development Assistance of Ministry of Commerce through organising fairs, exhibitions, seminars, Buyer-Seller meets, etc.

Saurashtra Kutch stock exchange

3783. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saurashtra, Kutch Stock Exchange Rajkot (Gujarat) is a registered and recognised body;

(b) if so, when it was registered and recognised;

(c) the names of its members;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints against the Stock Exchange;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(f) whether the above Stock Exchange as started its trading activities; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Exchange was incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 on 28 July, 1989. It was granted recognition by this Ministry on 10th July, 1989.

(c) This Ministry does not maintain the names of members of Stock Exchanges. The list of members of Stock Exchanges is available in the Stock Exchanges and is generally published by the concerned Stock Exchanges.

(d) to (g). Some complaints have been received against Saurashtra Kutch Stock Exchange. Broadly, these related to allegations of malpractices in the formation of the Exchange and selection of members. the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad has recently passed an order that the Stock Exchange would start functioning with those persons as members, who had secured, according to the norms laid down by the Screening Committee, 50 or more than 50 marks under the three heads, viz. Education, Financial Position and Experience. Further, the Exchange shall not permit others to act as members till further orders are passed by the Court. In pursuance of the Court orders, Exchange has commenced trading in securities with effect from 29th October, 1991. The Exchange has informed that matters relating to its Formation and membership are sub-judice.

Projects Undertaken by MPEDA in Maharashtra

3784. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects undertaken by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to individuals and co-operative societies in each district for the development of acquaculture during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a training institute in acquaculture in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?